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ADVENT SEASON



CHRISTMAS



DIOCESAN PROGRAMS **COMING UP FOR THE YEAR 2020**

Come & see program at Moli

7th—10th July

Lay apostolate training at Sirovanga

21st—24th July

Lay apostolate training at Moli

27th—30th July

Lay apostolate training for st Eusebius and Sacred Heart parish

7th—8th August

venue yet to be decided

Sunday school teachers training on liturgy at Moli 24th—28th August

Lay apostolate training St Peter Gizo

4th—6th September

Natural family planning and moral issues training at Nila 14th—

17th September

Youth Encounter Follow Up Northern Deanery at Moli 9th—11th

October

Lay apostolate training at Nila 12th—15 October

Priest meeting 26—29th October

The month of November opens with the glorious triumphant of the Feast of all the Saints in heaven and proceeds with the all souls day. A motivation for us in our pilgrimage as christians to prepare our souls daily and to remember our fore brothers and sisters who have gone before us leaving behind good memories of what they do and teach. In this Newsletter we have the ordination stories of Fr Benedict and Fr Micheal, the bishops monthly message, some reflections, and are chance of knowing our priests around the parishes in our diocese. Feel free to send us your article as soon as its ready. Send to domnicosoloko@gmail.com or media@catholicgizo.org





YEARLY THEME Formed for Mission



BISHOP'S NOVEMBER MESSAGE



November is the month in which we remember our diseased relatives and friends. It is the month in which we celebrate Christ the King of the Universe, righteous Judge. In this month we become more aware that life is passing by and we have to prepare for the coming of the LORD. Our actions of today have an eternal repercussion...We are reminded we have to render an account.

November is also the month of exams and graduations...a month to think about how we run our schools. Are they run with "business as usual" style or are they a privileged mission ground where we can live and proclaim the Gospel message by building a Christian, catholic witnessing community?

Let me share with you on the Importance of the catholic schools as evangelization settings. The letter of the bishops' conference makes mention of the importance of catholic schools and in the mission of the lay people in such schools. In our priests' meeting a question was asked:

- should young priests in our diocese get involved in schools or in the parishes? If yes, with what roles: pastoral or technical?
- Is the catholic school a place to form our young priests and lay people to live their baptismal or ordination commitment?
- Can the catholic school become a catholic community as needed as the parish?

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS A REAL PARISH = CHRISTIAN, CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IF IT CAN ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING GOALS: IN THE 5 PASTORAL AREAS

COMMUNITY AREA: Entrusted to the school rector (Parish Priest)

- To build good working relationships among the staff, parents and students
- To coordinate all persons involved in one educational project
- Focusing on the catholic community witnessing communion of efforts

EDUCATION AND CULTURE AREA entrusted to the principal

- To help all teachers do their mission following Ministry established objectives
- To see that there is proper discipline at all time in the campus

ECONOMY AREA: entrusted to the Economer / bursar

- To budget and control finances

SPIRITUAL AND EVANGELIZATION AREA: Entrusted to the Spiritual Director

- To make sure the students are given the proper catechetical instructions
- To make sure the students strive to live in accordance with Gods' commandments
- To give retreats and recollections
- To celebrate the sacraments (Eucharist and reconciliation)

YOUTH GROUPS AREA: Entrusted to the YOUTH COORDINATOR

- To organize all the youth, need to employ their youthful energies
- To organize sport, cultural and all kinds of extracurricular formative activities

VOCATIONAL ORIENTATION AREA Entrusted to the Guidance counselor

- Helping each student develop a plan for their lives with clear goals and objectives in response to their vocation in society and the church
- To follow personally problem students referred by the teachers

As we congratulate all our graduates in the 15 registered Diocesan schools we commit ourselves to value the catholic school as a privilege place and setting for evangelization, *We educate while evangelizing and evangelize while educating.*

Happy advent season, let us prepare for his coming by loving what is assigned to us by the mission.

For you a Bishop with you a brother who loves you with SOLO heart made in Italy: Bp Luciano Capelli, sdb

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**PRIEST MEETING OCTOBER 26-29 2020
GIZO DIOCESE**



The Diocese of Gizo has 8 Parishes which are divided into two main division Southern and the northern deanery. Gizo is known as St Peter parish, Noro is named after St Eusibius Parish and Wagina as Sacred Heart Parish. These three are under the southern deanery. Parishes categorised under Northern deanery are as follows, Voruvoru as Christ the King, Sirovanga as St Dominic, Taro as St Don Bosco, Moli as St Joseph, and Nila as the Holy Rosary Parish.



Betania formation center

From left to right Bishop of the diocese, Luciano Capelli (sdb), Fr Phil assisting at Nila Parish, Fr Visuasam (Guanelian) parish priest of Noro, Fr Thomas Netekolo assisting at Moli, Fr Steven Tee taking care of Vanga (VTC & RTC) Fr Calisto (op) assisting at Sirovanga, Fr Dominic Soloko assisting at Gizo, Fr Ambeto parish priest of Wagina, Fr Micheal Assisting at Nila, Fr Francis. Anil (Guanelian) assisting at Noro, Fr Jacob Parish priest of Moli, Fr Henry. Paroi (op) parish priest of Christ the king, Fr Stanislaus parish priest of Nila, Fr Fred parish priest of Taro, Fr Simon. Suvenava (op) parish priest of Sirovanga, Fr Benedict Qelo assisting at Vanga and Fr Lawrence Kimaere parish priest of Gizo.

Support your priests with your prayers... Happy Diamond Jubelii. Photo oct...2020

GIZO DIOCESE CELEBRATES ITS DIAMOND JUBILEE



Two priestly ordinations have highlighted the diamond Jubilee of the Gizo Catholic Diocese

Fr Benedict Qelo from Sareana (Lauru) and Fr Aritoka from Harapa (Nila Parish Shortland) were ordained respectively on Saturday 18 and 24 with great participation of people from every denomination. The fear of the pandemic has delayed the 2 ordinations, this however gave more time to the people and the 2 candidates to prepare materially and spiritually.

Both Villages displayed a great capacity for managing the events and making it a moment of renewal of their faith. The Bishop in His homily challenged the two newly ordained to take at heart their task of **PREACHING, SANCTIFYING AND GUIDING** the people by their being a sign of Jesus the high priest who died serving the people in the same threefold mission assigned to them to continue in His name.

Ordination of Fr Benedict Qelo at Sariana Christ the King Parish on the 18 of October 2020.



The catholic diocese of Gizo has been struggling to rebuild its churches and schools damaged and destroyed by earthquake and tsunami and the April 2 017. It can now look forward to consolidate and localize its clergy in a matter of few years more. May the Lord bless abundantly this diocese with more local priests as it took on the education of its youth as a number one priority during these past years.

Happy diamond Jubilee to the Gizo Diocese who will have their priests meeting in Gizo this week to finalize proposals on how to grow spiritually and dynamically faithful to our mission of service to our communities.



Ordination of Fr Micheal Aritoka at Harapa, Holy rosary Parish Nila on the 24 of October 2020



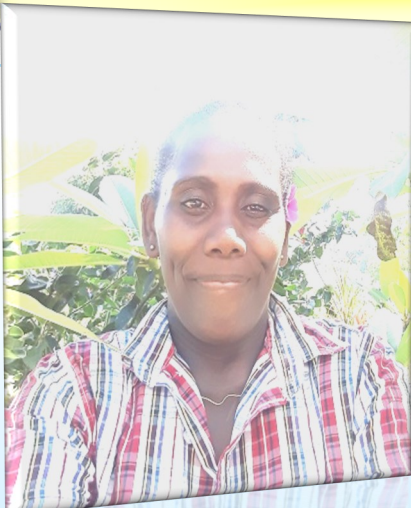
My name is Serina Gasiri, born 9th September 2005 and I came from Choiseul in the western part of the Solomon island. I attended St Joseph Moli Catholic Secondary School and this year 2020 I am in year 8 (form 2). I was elected as a head girl of the school, so I would like to share and express with you how, and what I feel about this school.

Firstly, I would like to share what I have been experiencing in this school compared to my previous school and to my village. In my previous school, there were many students, which I cannot familiarize with some of them. In addition, the praying of the rosary is not compulsory for students. While in my village when the church bell rang for prayer, I will do different things to engage myself so that I may not attend prayer. At St Joseph Moli Catholic Secondary School, I know all the students by name and we make good relationship by sharing, praying, playing sports and learning. In addition, our teachers are so kind and loving. They always care and give us words of encouragements, which guides us throughout this year of learning and growing. They act like our parents with lots of caring and loving. The programs in the school are all compulsory but prayer and attending classes are the most important in this school. We attended mass every morning and

rosary in the evening. Also attending of class on Monday to Friday, weekends we have social activities such as indoor games, video show and cultural activities. Secondly, I would like to give my opinion about what should be done in this school so that it can be a better place to live and learn. I had a dream that we should work together to build a senior classes like form 4-6 and even form seven. These contributes to our motto which states "together forward, forward together" I wish that this school will be a senior school if we uphold our school motto.

Lastly, I want to convey great words of thankfulness to our Bishop Luciano Capelli and to our benefactors abroad for helping us building a great and wonderful school in Choiseul province which provides a better learning venue for all of us.

The art of teaching is the art of assisting discovery



My name is Jeanavie. Qila. I am a science teacher of St Joseph Moli Catholic secondary school. As a catholic teacher of this school, I would like to share what I have experience in this lovely school. In the beginning, since I have arrived at this school, I feel that the

atmosphere is quite different from what I have experience in my previous schools.

The school program is well organized and molded by spiritual, physical and social practices. For example, in spiritual side my faith is strenghten because we always have daily Mass and rosary.

In addition the adminitration, academic and disciplinary departments are working together for the bertterment of the school.

The interaction between staffs, ancillary staffs, students and community are very co-operative in one way or the other. This reminds me that to build a better school, we must emphases our school motto "together forward, forward

together" every day. Despite of all the experience above I have found that this School always has peace, unity and love.

Therefor, my message to my fellow staff and students of St Joseph Moli Catholic School is to always practice peace, unity and love from our hearts and minds.

Futhermore, for the better christian educated staffs and studens, we need a better communications websites and internet access in the school. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bishop Luciano Capelli for providing us with such a school like St Joseph Moli Catholic Seconday School.

God Bless!!!

LEARNING IS NOT THE PRODUCT OF TEACHING. LEARNING IS THE PRODUCT OF THE ACTIVITY OF LEARNERS....

Mission Sunday, 18 Oct 2020

To: **All the Bishops, Priests, Religious, Catechists, Lay Leaders and All Catholics**

1. **Mission Sunday** this year is celebrated on 18 Oct 2020

2. **Theme:** “Here am I, Lord, send me” (Is 6:8) – from Pope’s Message for World Mission Sunday, 18 October 2020.

3. **Mission Sunday Readings:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary time- 1.Is 45:1,4-6; 2. 1 Thes 1:1-5b; 3. Mt 22:15-21 (Or Mt 28:16-20).

4. **For Reflection or Homily:**

4.1 On Mission Sunday, it is fitting that we pray for the Missionary Journey of the whole Church during the challenges of the pandemic. We pray for the efforts of evangelization by the Catholic Church throughout the world especially in war-torn countries and where many people are affected by Corona Virus.

“Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us. Just like those disciples, who spoke anxiously with one voice, saying ‘We are perishing’, so we too have realized that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this” (*Meditation in Saint Peter’s Square*, 27 March 2020). We are indeed frightened, disoriented and afraid. In this context we need to step out to our neighbour in sharing, service and intercessory prayer.

4.2 Mission is a free and conscious response to God’s call. Yet we discern this call only when we have a personal relationship of love with Jesus present in his Church. Let us ask ourselves: Are we willing to be sent forth at any time or place to witness to our faith in God the merciful Father, to proclaim the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ, to share the divine life of the Holy Spirit by building up the Church?

Illness, suffering, fear and isolation challenge us. The poverty of those who die alone, the abandoned, those who have lost their jobs and income, the homeless and those who lack food challenge us. Being forced to observe social distancing and to stay at home invites us to rediscover that we need social relationships as well as our communal relationship with God. In all of this, God’s question: “Whom shall I send?” is addressed once more to us and awaits a generous and convincing response: “Here am I, send me!” (Is 6:8). Do you want to be a missionary? Lay Evangelizer?

4.3 The celebration of World Mission Day is also an occasion for reaffirming how prayer, reflection and the material help of your offerings are so many opportunities to participate actively in the mission of Jesus in his Church. The charity expressed in the collections that take place during the liturgical celebrations of Mission Sunday is aimed at supporting the missionary work carried out in my name by the Pontifical Mission Societies, in order to meet the spiritual and material needs of peoples and Churches throughout the world.

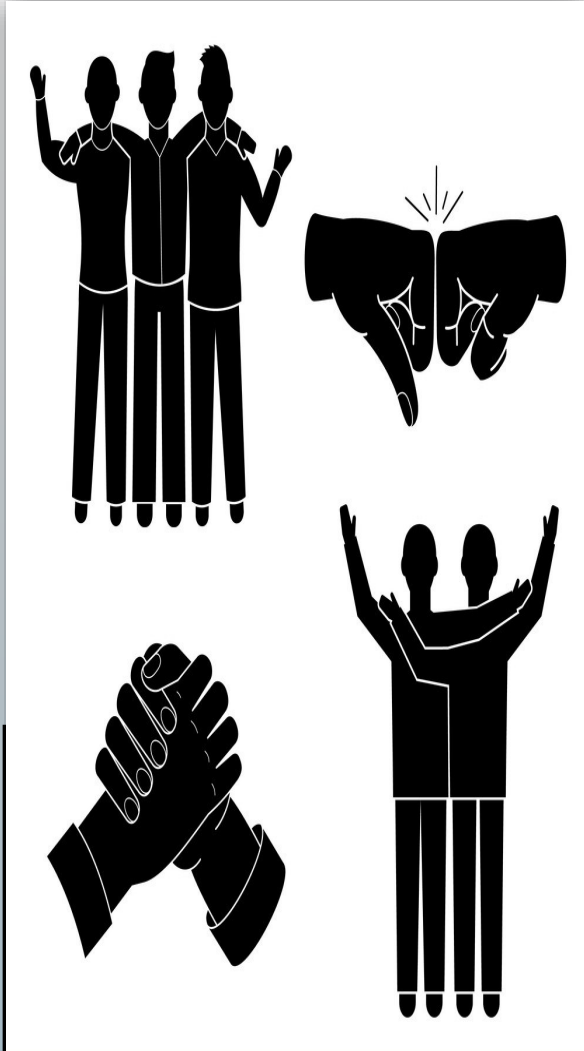
5. **Please take the special Mission Sunday Collection and send it to:**

National Director (Fr.Victor Roche SVD), P.O. Box 744, Mt.Hagen, WHP, Papua New Guinea

1 November all Saints day
A day to remember

AIRED ON RADIO MARIA...

Abp Cardone calls for unity and respect



Archbishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Honiara, Chris Cardone OP, has called for unity and respect from the people and Churches in the Solomon Islands.

The call was expressed in a letter published on 8th July, a day after the country's 42nd Independence Day celebrated on 7th July. In the letter, he commanded Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare's speech during the day that highlighted the need for unity and respect for all people.

Abp Cardone cautioned of the influence of social media on society. He implored people to use it for charitable causes that were aimed at positive nation-building.

He reflected on how some of the Churches and its members habitually lacked respect for members of the Catholic Church and other people who worshiped on Sunday and encouraged for Church leaders to tell their preachers and pastors to respect all churches and faith communities.

In promoting unity and respect, he urged for all people to pray the Lord's prayer and call onto God for guidance toward the path of unity.

Pope introduces new encyclical of 'Fratelli Tutti'

On the conclusion of the Sunday Angelus of 4th October in St Peter's Square, Pope Francis introduced his new Encyclical *Fratelli tutti*, and said he had the joy of giving the new Encyclical as a gift to those present.

A special edition of *L'Osservatore Romano* containing the Encyclical was given as his gift to everyone in the Square.

The document was signed on 3rd October 2020, on the occasion of Pope Francis's visit to the tomb of his namesake, Saint Francis of Assisi, and was published the following day, the saint's feast day.

The message of the Pope's new social encyclical proposes a fraternal society of friendship that is not overrun by war, hatred, violence, indifference and new walls.

Five years ago, Pope Francis published the Encyclical *Laudato si'* in which he clearly described the connections that existed between the environmental crisis, the social crisis, war, migration and poverty. In it he also indicated the goal to reach a more just economic and social system, one that would respect creation.

The document of *Fratelli tutti*, he said showed the concrete way to reaching this goal, by recognizing ourselves as brothers and sisters, everyone in the same boat, as how the COVID19 pandemic has made it more evident.

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A young man was getting ready to graduate from college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted. As Graduation Day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased



the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his private study. His father told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and told him how much he loved him. He handed his son a beautifully wrapped gift box. Curious, and somewhat disappointed, the young man opened the box and found a lovely, leather-bound Bible, with the young man's name embossed in gold. Angry, he raised his voice to his father and said "with all your money, you give me a Bible?" and stormed out of the house.

Many years passed and the young man was very successful in business. He had a beautiful home and wonderful family, but realized his father was very old, and thought perhaps he should go to him. He had not seen him since that graduation day. Before he could make arrangements, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away, and willed all of his possessions to his son. He needed to come home

immediately and take care of things. When he arrived at his father's house, sudden sadness and regret filled his heart.

He began to search through his father's important papers and saw the still gift-wrapped Bible, just as he had left it years ago. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. His father had carefully underlined a verse, Matt.7:11, "And if ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father which is in Heaven, give to those who ask Him?"

As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words PAID IN FULL.

How many times do we miss God's blessings because we can't see past our own desires?

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